

Answers to staff questions about the new downtown home

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What security measures will be in place at new downtown building? Will there be secure underground parking with good lighting and cameras?

All security issues and lighting will be addressed. We will use cameras, where appropriate, for added security as we do in all of our clinics. The staff parking area will be secure; patient parking will still allow access of patients.

What is the impact on indoor air quality being next to the freeway?

Our new buildings have the highest quality systems to filter and control air, superior to those in the existing building we are moving out of. The new building will be LEED Gold certified as well.

Is the new location at risk of earthquake or tsunami?

This new building will exceed the earthquake standards set by the City of Seattle. Newer buildings are much safer than older buildings from earthquakes. A tsunami is not a concern on this location.

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The entire development of Yesler Terrace is being developed and will contain many new buildings, new “pocket parks” and other community engagement amenities. In other words, the entire area will look very different in 2024 than it does today, and we believe that the development of this area will result in better support of those who find themselves homeless along the freeway as currently exists. We will continue to monitor how this may impact the areas around our site and find ways to be sure that the bus stop and areas are well-maintained.

Will there be a large inside area for staff to eat lunch?

We will have carefully planned areas for staff to take breaks and have lunch and conference space for larger groups that may have a lunch component as some meetings do.

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Yesler Terrace will look very different in 2024 than it does today. Our new building is just one of many planned for the area. There are also plans for new "pocket parks" and other community amenities. The safety of our staff and our patients is one of the most important considerations for this move, and we will partner with our neighbors, the City of Seattle and King County Metro to ensure the bus stop and surrounding areas are safe and well maintained.

Is the building parking will have any EV charging/parking station? Is it eco friendly?

The new Seattle Kidney Center will be built to meet LEED Gold certification requirements. Our approach to this new building is to meet or exceed the City of Seattle standards, which are some of the most environmentally friendly in the country. The building will be ready for charging stations, and we hope to have one or more charging stations in place upon opening.

How many conference rooms and of what size will there be?

Because our new Seattle home is in design, we do not have definitive information about the number and size of conference rooms. Once design is finalized, we will be able to share more specific details.

How much parking will there be?

The new downtown location will have two levels of parking. Patient and visitor parking will be on one level and the other level

will be secured card-access parking for staff. As we progress in the design, process we will have more information on the exact number of parking stalls for each level.

Will they have vending machines for staff who work over time and can not go outside for lunch or ride the bus?

Thank you sharing with us the amenities that are important to you. Historically NKC leadership has avoided traditional vending machines as the products dispensed are often not kidney friendly. In researching higher-end vending machines that dispense fresh sandwiches or meals, we found that the minimum required sales exceed our capacity at larger campuses like in Burien and we believe the same would be true at our new Seattle Kidney Center. Earlier staff surveys also told us that the cost of fresh food items stocked by an outside vendor tended to be higher than staff were willing to pay.

How many stations will the new kidney center have, and will there be any beds?

In the current design we have accounted for 12 beds and 34 regular stations for a total overall station count of 46.

Is there going to be a cellphone signal booster, so you can make and receive calls in the parking garage?

Our construction team along with our IT department will review the signal strength within both levels of our parking garage. We don't anticipate this to be a problem, but if it is we can look at ways to boost the signal in these areas.

Where will the Pharmacy be located after June 2024?

Currently the plan is for our pharmacy to move to the Burien Pavilion. Timing on the move is not yet determined.



Have they broken ground yet?

Work has begun on some other construction projects in the immediate area, but our project has not broken ground yet. We are aiming at September for breaking ground.

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